come extinct in the country and if so, the remedial steps taken/proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) (i) Two national parks are being considered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) for additions to the Register for the world's Threatened Protected Areas because of reasons shown below, which are consdiered by the IUCN as threats to these national park:

Name of the National Park	Threats considered by IUCN
(1) Kaziranga National Park..	. Proposed upstream Oil Refinery.
2) GulfofKutch(Marine National Park..	Removal of mangroves, land-based industrial pollution, over-fishing, oil from ships.

(ii) As regards the Kaziranga National Park, there is a proposal to set up an refinery near it. But no final decision has been taken by Government of India in this regard.

(iii) As regards the Gulf of Kutch Marine National Park, there is a developing industrail complex in and around the Sikka Port, a part of which has been included in the park. The proposals for new industrial projects in the area, wheih are referred to Government of India for clearance, are approved only after a thorough assessment of their likely impact on the Marine National Park has ben made. The State Government of Gujarat has also taken several measures to protect the Marine Park e. g., ban on oyster fishing, removal of mangrove wood, stoppage of extraction of sand and corals from the park, etc. and imposition of restrictions on 'dumping of brine waste in the sea around the park. The Government of India has also been requesting the State Government from time to time to take measures to protect the Marine National Park form the adverse impact of the local industrial activities and to monitor the movement of ships within the area of the park.

(b) The informaion is being collcted and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Waiting list of Telephones in Hubli Exchange

719. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hubli telephone exchange has a waiting list of about 5000 applications; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to wipe out this list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) The waiting list as on November, 90 is 3432.

(b) (i) A 3000 lines main exchange is likely to be commissioned by December, 1991.

(ii) This exchange is proposed to be expanded from 3000 to 5500 lines during the 8th Five Year Plan which would wipe out the present waiting list progressively.

Four-laning of Ahmedabad-Bombay National Highway

720. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for four-laning of existing Ahmedabad-Bombay National Highway;